

# Probe of Woman's Torture

Washington,

The State Department said yesterday that it has instructed the U.S. Embassy in Chile to investigate allegations by an American art teacher that she was tortured while being questioned by Chilean military officials.

Department spokesman

Paul Hare was responding to a report by columnist Jack Anderson that Amy Conger O'Flaherty, a 31-year-old American art teacher from Chicago, had been tortured by members of the Chilean Air Force until she signed a confession that she knew "undesirable

Chileans."

Hare said the embassy in Santiago had informed the State Department that on several occasions in the past several months Miss O'Flaherty was questioned by the Chilean authorities concerning her activities in that country.

## Charge

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The department later learned that she had been arrested and that the embassy had immediately set out to obtain her release.

Referring to the charges that she had been tortured, Hare said that the department had not protested to the Chilean government re-

garding the allegations of torture inasmuch as Miss O'Flaherty had not told the embassy that she had been tortured. Neither had she said anything regarding torture upon her return to the United States.

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